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**Date:** July 14, 2017

Attachment 1

**To:** Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee  
c/o State Fire Training

**From:** Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal III

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Reaccreditation of Butte College

**Recommended Actions:** Recommend Butte College continue as an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) System.

**Background Information:**

A re-accreditation site visit was conducted on April 26, 2017 at the Butte College Allied Health and Public Safety Building and training center located at 3536 Butte Campus drive Oroville, CA 95965. The site team consisted of Tony Osa, Shasta College (ARTP), David Ray, Yuba College (ARTP), and Rodney Slaughter, State Fire Training. The site team was greeted by Denise Adams, Dean of Student Learning, Mike Maloney, Public Safety Director, Eric Rapp and Dominic Sanfillippo, Butte Fire Academy Coordinators along with instructors and support staff.

Butte college began offering fire technology classes in 1967 servicing both Butte and Glenn Counties. The Fire Academy was originally accredited by the State Fire Marshal in 1988 and re-accredited in 1998. Unique to Butte College is having the EMT program certified by the Regional EMS agency embedded within the firefighter academy. The Butte County Fire Chiefs Association also acts as the Fire Advisory Committee for the college. The college receives support from surrounding fire agencies including CAL Fire.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the campus classrooms and training facilities, reveals an adequate amount of classroom space, locker rooms, training tower, tools, equipment, and props to adequately service 40 firefighter cadets participating in a Firefighter I Academy. The site team noted several best practices which include; the level (and professionalism) of administrative support and their record keeping; relationships with local fire agencies; level of experience and education of the instructional staff; global outreach and recruitment. Butte College has a strong presence for firefighter training in northern California. The site team is confident that Butte College will continue to meet SFT program requirements, and recommend approval of Butte College to continue as an ARTP.



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**To:** Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
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**From:** Rodney Slaughter, Deputy State Fire Marshal III

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Reaccreditation of Fresno City College

**Recommended Actions:** Reaccredit Fresno City College as an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) System

**Background Information:**

An accreditation site visit was conducted on May 5, 2017 at the Career Technical Center of Fresno City College, located at 2930 East Annadale Road Fresno, CA 93725. The site team consisted of Shane Warner, Columbia College (ARTP), Dawn Robinson, SFT and Rodney Slaughter, SFT. The team was greeted by Dr. Timothy Wood, Dean of Workforce Development, along with Geary Baxter and Chris King lead instructors for the fire academy. The team was introduced to Dr. Carole Goldsmith, President and Dr. Don Lopez, Vice President of Fresno City College, both of whom are very supportive of the public safety training provided by the college.

Fresno City College formed the Fire Science program in 1962 and was approved as an ARTP by the State Board of Fire Services on May 22, 2014. The college has successfully passed a half billion-dollar bond measure to fund and build a new Career Technical Training Center that will accommodate public safety and firefighter training.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

The college is in the process of recruiting and interviewing a new Fire Academy Director/Coordinator. The plan is to have a new director in place by the end of the current fire academy. Clerical support is also new and sufficient for the program. Record keeping and record retention is in accordance with SFT procedures. A tour of the training facility revealed adequate classroom and training ground spaces, along with tools, equipment, and personal protective equipment to meet the needs of a fire academy. Burn buildings and other specialized training is handled off-site and through a written agreement with Clovis and Fresno City Fire Departments, each of which are also accredited and these sites have been recently visited by OSFM staff. The site team supports the reaccreditation of Fresno City College as an ARTP.

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**To:** Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
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**From:** Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshall III Specialist

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Reaccreditation of Glendale College

**Recommended Actions:** Reaccredit Glendale College as a Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system.

**Background Information:**

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on June 22, 2017 at the Glendale College located at 560 Chevy Chase Drive Glendale, California. The reaccreditation was conducted by Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist, assisted by Judah Mitchell, Training Chief Santa Monica Fire Department, Sean Van Sluis, Training Captain Santa Monica Fire Department, representing the Glendale College were Sam DiGiovanna, Retired Chief, Monrovia Fire Department, Co-Director, Tony Bagan, Battalion Chief Pasadena Fire Department, Ken Bateman San Marino Fire Department, (Retired) and Rick Burroughs Monterey Park Fire Department, (Retired). A tour of classrooms, training facilities and equipment cache, was conducted as well as an opportunity to review SFT required student academy records, textbooks, and secure location of student files.

The Glendale College was originally accredited in 1996. This is their first reaccreditation. The Glendale college will begin training and instruction that will meet the Firefighter I (2013) academy I curriculum as well as continue to provide SFT CFSTS and FSTEP course training within the surrounding demographic areas.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the training facilities, located on the Glendale College campus as well as Glendale Fire Training Center, indicated sufficient classroom space, all necessary props, equipment, apparatus and facilities to conduct a Firefighter I (2013) academy, with required testing (written and practical) to meet IFSAC and Pro Board requirements.

Glendale College utilizes the local high school regional ROP program as a recruitment source as well as career days and community events utilizing students enrolled in the fire academy. The local fire departments recruit successful academy students when hiring. As with other ARTP's and ALA's low enrollment for under-represented groups such as females and minorities is a continual focus by way of recruitment into the Glendale College fire technology program, however, the utilization of the local fire departments combined with fire academy students' participation in female fire training camps, provides a great mechanism for recruitment.

The team was very impressed with the support of the local fire agencies and has established a very positive relationship with those agencies, even utilizing shared training facilities and staff. The instructional staff and Academy Co-Directors currently work for or are retired from local agencies. Also impressive to the team was the continued support of the Glendale College with the Fire Technology program and Firefighter I academy by the Dean of Workforce Development, Division Chair and the Glendale College President.

The team is confident that the Glendale College fire academy will continue to meet the SFT program requirements, and recommend approval of the Glendale College continuing as an ARTP.

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**From:** Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshall III Specialist

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Reaccreditation of Imperial Valley College

**Recommended Actions:** Reaccredit Imperial Valley College as a Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system.

**Background Information:**

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on June 20, 2017 at the Imperial Valley College (IVC) located at 380 East Aten Road Imperial, CA 92251. The reaccreditation was conducted by Dawn Robinson, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist, assisted by Darren Hall, Miramar College (ARTP), Walt Halloway from College of the Desert (ARTP), representing the Imperial Valley College were Alfredo Estrada Fire Academy Director, Robert Male, Lead Instructor, Salvador Flores, Fire Technology Instructor, Ken Hebert, Fire Technology Instructor and John Green, Fire Technology Instructor. A tour of classrooms, training facilities and equipment cache, was conducted as well as an opportunity to review SFT required student academy records, textbooks, and secure location of student files.

The IVC was originally accredited in 2013. This is their first reaccreditation, IVC will begin training and instruction that will meet the Firefighter I (2013) academy I curriculum as well as continue to provide pre-service and in service training within the Imperial County and surrounding areas.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the training facilities, located on the IVC campus indicated sufficient classroom space, all necessary props, equipment, apparatus and facilities to conduct a Firefighter 1 (2013) academy, with required testing (written and practical) to meet IFSAC and Pro Board requirements.

IVC utilizes the local high school regional ROP program as a recruitment source as that program provides basic firefighter training. The local fire departments hire reserves that are enrolled in the IVC Firefighter I academy with successful employment to many graduates of the Firefighter I academy. As with other ARTP's and ALA's low enrollment for under-represented groups such as females, however, the utilization of the ROP resource has proven to recruit females into the firefighter training program that continue to the IVC fire academy. The staff, students of the ROP program as well as academy students actively participate in the community through volunteer programs throughout Imperial County and surrounding areas. Job fairs, and career days at local schools takes place with an emphasis on the under-represented groups

based on the local populations to search for additional diversity for the Firefighter I academy and the IVC Fire Technology program.

The team was very impressed with the support of the local fire agencies and has established a very positive relationship with those agencies. The instructional staff and Academy Director currently work as employees with several of the local agencies. Also impressive to the team was the tremendous, continued support of the IVC Fire Technology program and Firefighter I academy by the Dean of Health Services and the College President.

The team is confident that the IVC fire academy will continue to meet the SFT program requirements, and recommend approval of IVC continuing as an ARTP.



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**To:** Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman  
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**From:** Michael A. Garcia, Fire Service Training Specialist

**Subject/Agenda Action Item:** Reaccreditation of Los Medanos College

**Recommended Actions:** Reaccredit Los Medanos College as an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) System

**Background Information:**

A reaccreditation site visit was conducted on May 25, 2017 at the Los Medanos Fire Academy located in eastern Contra Costa County (Pittsburg), California. The reaccreditation evaluation was conducted by Michael A. Garcia, Fire Service Training Specialist-State Fire Training, assisted by Ron Cripe Academy Director for Modesto College; Dr. Natalie Hannum Dean of CTE and Social Services, Shondra West Office of Instruction (LMC), German Sierra Department Chair, Fire Technology and EMS, Ricky Hurtado Fire Academy Coordinator, Mike Grillo Academy Instructor, Richard Sonsteng Battalion Chief Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, Xon Burriss Fire Captain Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and Jonah Becton Student Aid Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. A tour of classrooms, training facilities and equipment cache, was conducted along with an opportunity to review SFT required student academy records.

Los Medanos College (LMC) was originally accredited in 1999, reaccredited in 2008 as a ARTP, updated in 2013 with the latest reaccreditation site visit on this date. This is the fourth reaccreditation, LMC continues to provide a fire academy as well as pre-service and-in service training within Contra Costa County, and surrounding communities.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

A tour of the training facilities, located at the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District training facility indicated sufficient classroom space with a functioning training tower, all necessary props, equipment and facilities to conduct a Firefighter I (2013) academy, and has been successful in providing adequate testing (written and practical) to meet IFSAC and Pro Board requirements.

LMC, like many Fire Academies, indicates a low enrollment for under-represented groups based upon local populations, especially with regard to females. LMC does attempt to recruit students identified in their diversity report, and attends various job fairs, open houses with literature (handouts) to engage the local area schools, in the search for additional diversity for the Academy program. LMC is aware of changes in

the fire fighter I curriculum and certification testing process is now implemented. The latest academy did have 10% female cadet population, slightly higher than most.

I was very impressed with the support of local agencies and positive working relationship between LMC and Contra Costa County F.P.D. Support by LMC administration for continued operation of the program is outstanding.

I am confident that the LMC Academy will continue to meet SFT program requirements, and recommend approval of LMC continuing as an ARTP.